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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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| MILITARY AUDIT PROJECT, et al<br>Plaintiffs,<br><br>v.<br><br>CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY,<br>Defendants. | Civil Action No. 75-2103 |

WASHINGTON,
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

# A F F I D A V I T

Cyrus R. Vance, being sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the Secretary of State and have held that position since January 23, 1977.

2. I am familiar with the complaint in this case and make the following statement based upon personal knowledge obtained by me in my official capacity.

3. In the course of my responsibilities as Secretary of State, I have become familiar with a United States Government program which involved the ship known as the Hughes GLOMAR EXPLORER. This program involved the collection of intelligence critical to the national security of the United States. Because of the sensitivity of the program, stringent measures were taken to avoid disclosing publicly

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any information about it.

4. To the best of my knowledge the United States Government has acknowledged only that the GLOMAR EXPLORER was owned by the United States, that it was on a mission related to the national security and, more recently, that the Central Intelligence Agency was involved in the program. I am aware of the numerous press reports concerning the purpose of the program and the identity of other governments that may have been involved. I nonetheless believe that any confirmation or denial of these reports, or the public disclosure by the United States Government of the purpose of the program, the identity of any other governments involved, or the results of the program, could reasonably be expected to cause serious damage to the national security of the United States.

5. In international affairs, one deals with intangibles and uncertainties. No one can predict with certainty what damage would flow from public disclosure of further official information about the GLOMAR program, but it is my judgment, shared by other senior officials in the Department, that such disclosures could reasonably be expected to cause serious damage to our national security.

6. Even to speculate publicly about specific consequences that might flow from such disclosures

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would; in all likelihood, be damaging, as other governments might feel constrained to react to such speculation by comments or measures.

7. For these reasons, I believe that further disclosures of information in this matter by the United States Government could reasonably be expected to cause serious damage to our national security, perhaps grave damage, and that such information is therefore properly classified.

Cyrus R. Vance

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of February, 1978, at Washington, D. C.

[illegible] Smith

My Commission Expires June 14, 1979.

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